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CANADIAN AND EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS MET IN BRUSSELS ON MARCH 11 TO
OPEN FORMALLY NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE AN ECONOMIC AND TRADE
COOPERATION AGREEMENT. COMMISSION OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE
OPENING SESSION WENT WELL AND CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF AN EXCHANGE
FO SPEECHES. THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE OBJECTIVES
OF THE AGREEMENT. THE DELEGATIONS PLAN TO HOLD A FULL WEEK
OF NEGOTIATIONS BEGINNING ON MARCH 23 IN BRUSSELS. COMMISSION
OFFICIALS EXPECT THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED
IN JUNE AND IT WILL BE RATIFIED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.
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